

# Seat Pleasant News

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## City Breaks Ground on FIRST EVER "Smart Home"!



On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Mayor Eugene W. Grant and Johnny O. Dickens signed closing documents to acquire 6212 Addison Road in Seat Pleasant, Maryland. Following the closing, the City of Seat Pleasant held a ground-breaking ceremony, with members of the City Council, and residents who joined the Mayor for the first ever "Smart Home" in the city of Seat Pleasant. With support from the City County the Mayor's Housing Trust Fund was created to purchase vacant homes and renovate them into "Smart Homes" to eliminate blight throughout the City. A "Smart Home" is a home equipped with technological devices and sensors that can interact with each other or remotely by phone or computer. More "Smart Homes" are on the way in A Smart City of Excellence!!!

### CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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Eugene W. Grant

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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#### WARD II COUNCILMEMBER

Hope Love

#### WARD IV COUNCILMEMBER

Charl Jones

#### WARD V COUNCILMEMBER

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#### AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER

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# WE'VE GOT SOMETHING EXCITING TO ANNOUNCE!

## **Coming Soon! City to Host Event to Recruit Residents for Jobs!**

Please stay tuned!!! The city is organizing a meet and greet with General Contractors for the Smart City Renovations for City Hall and the Public Works buildings. This event is for the community and will have a training program for Seat Pleasant residents to obtain on-the-job training. The City plans to host this event in the upcoming weeks to highlight potential employment opportunities on this project. Get those resumes ready! Details are forthcoming.



## **Light Up Your Holiday Christmas Light Contest**

**December 23, 2017 @ 7pm**

**First prize \$100**

**Second Prize \$50**



**Must complete the contest form and return to City Hall  
by**

**December 16, 2017 before 5pm.**

Please visit [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov) for contest rules and form.



## **Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence Among Only Three Recipients of COPS Grant in the State of Maryland**

Baltimore, Maryland - Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced \$98,495,397 in grant funding through the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The Attorney General announced funding awards to 179 law enforcement agencies across the nation, which allows those agencies to hire 802 additional full-time law enforcement officers.

The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing officers, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement.

The State of Maryland was awarded funding for five community policing officers. The Cumberland Police Department were awarded funding for three officers and The Baltimore Police Department and Seat Pleasant Police Department were each awarded funding for one officer. Among the three Maryland Police Departments, the City of Seat Pleasant was acknowledged with an additional honor by receiving the highest score within the grant section evaluation process.

# NLC CITY SUMMIT

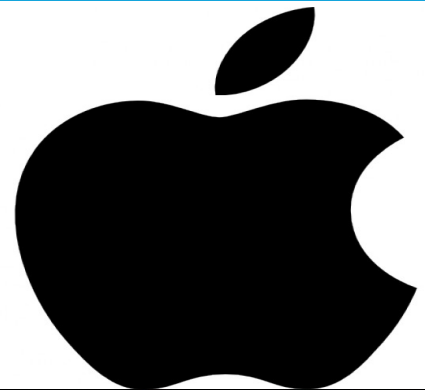
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES  
CHARLOTTE · NOVEMBER 15-18, 2017

The Mayor, members of the City Council and staff recently attended the National League of Cities Annual Summit held in Charlotte, NC November 15th-18th. The purpose of the summit allowed city leaders to participate in workshops, seminars and training sessions on economic development, climate change, transportation and leadership development, arming them with tools and resources to plan for the future.

Ward I Councilmember Lamar Maxwell said, "This conference was one of the best ever." He went on to say, "Each workshop I attended gave me greater insights on how to be a more effective Councilmember. I am now armed with more knowledge to bring back to my constituents and help our city become a Smart City." The Councilmembers who attended included: At-Large Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, At-Large Councilmember Kelly Porter, Ward III and Council President Reveral Yeargin, Ward II Councilmember Hope Love, and Ward V Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk.

Additionally, the city had an opportunity to exhibit the Smart City Intelligent Operation Center for the purpose of selling subscriptions to other municipalities in the Country. Seat Pleasant arrived and wowed onlookers by displaying innovative technologies on our 6' iPhone, which displayed our MySeatPleasant app, granting delegates the opportunity to experience the benefits of public engagement and citizen empowerment services. Seat Pleasant was also accompanied by our partner IBM, who assisted in talking to incoming guests about the creation of our Intelligence Operation Center (IOC), and how it will improve our city and adhere to our mission of implementing better, faster and personalized services through information and communication technology.

The City of Seat Pleasant gratefully appreciates the continued support and sponsorship of our Smart City Strategic Partners IBM and Apple.







## Partnership with Kaiser Permanente

The City of Seat Pleasant is excited to announce its partnership with **Kaiser Permanente** and rolling out our **Seat Pleasant Hypertension Reduction Pilot**. By using Smart Technologies, the goal of the pilot is to empower our citizens toward better health. Hypertension is an important and modifiable risk factor for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD). Hypertension kills a greater number of African Descendants than any other global population group. Seat Pleasant's rate of hypertension is greater than most of the United States; therefore, taking these statistics into account, Seat Pleasant wants to empower its citizens to thrive with lower hypertension risks, and use Smart Technology through Seat Pleasant's groundbreaking IOC and participation in Global hypertension research to help create better ways to reduce these numbers globally. Mayor Eugene W. Grant's Office Pilot will test ability of non-medical civilians to take accurate blood pressures (BPs); first among the Mayor's staff within City Hall, then all of Seat Pleasant employees and Elected Officials who wish to opt into this free program. From there, the pilot will then be offered throughout the City of Seat Pleasant. Once BP data is gathered, a program to educate and reduce these numbers will be instituted; this will be accomplished through Smart App technologies, joint education programs with Kaiser Permanente, and also through incentive programs for various populations.

For more information on this pilot, please contact City Hall at 301-336-2600.



### Attention Seat Pleasant Senior Citizens!

AARP will be available to seniors and low income individuals in Seat Pleasant to help file taxes for the upcoming year from **February 1st - April 15<sup>th</sup> of 2018!** This will be held at the Activity Center in the Kevin Durant room from **9:00am-3:00pm**.

Jim Woods, AARP Representative, is scheduled to start at Seat Pleasant Activity Center on February 1, 2018 until April 15, 2018 to assist Seniors and low income individuals with filing their taxes.



## PEAK ENERGY SAVINGS CREDIT


### 2-MINUTE ENERGY-SAVING CHECKLIST

- ☒ **REDUCE** air conditioner use
- ☒ **CLOSE** shades and blinds to the hot sun
- ☒ **UNPLUG** chargers and electronics
- ☒ **SWITCH OFF** unused lights
- ☒ **USE** a fan to circulate air instead of air conditioning



Follow these quick and easy tips on Peak Savings Days. The more you reduce your energy use, the more you can save.

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## Proudly Serving

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Chief Devan A. Martin and members of the Seat Pleasant Police Department were pleased to participate in this year's annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner hosted by the Shining Star Freewill Baptist Church.

During the event, our staff served the many eager guests a home style turkey dinner complete with all the fixings as well as a variety of delectable deserts. SPPD sends a warm thank you to those individuals who shared kind words of support and appreciation in recognition of the department's tireless work protecting the community.

***Most vehicle break-ins are crimes of opportunity.***

Leaving vehicles unlocked or with valuable in plain sight is an invitation for thieves to steal from you. It's a serious problem with a simple solution.

**CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS, LOCK CAR DOORS & ALWAYS HIDE YOUR VALUABLES.**

## Winter Holiday Safety Tips

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving put you at risk for burglars, thieves, and others looking for the opportunity to take advantage of unsuspecting victims.

### **IF YOU ARE TRAVELING**

- Get an automatic timer for your lights
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and occasionally park in your driveway
- Pause mail and newspaper delivery
- Ensure doors and windows are locked and items of value are out of sight

### **IF YOU ARE SHOPPING**

- Stay alert and park in a well-lit area
- Hide shopping bags and valuables in your vehicle's trunk
- Carry purses close to your body, not dangling from your straps. Place wallets in front pockets.

### **IF BUYING FROM A SALE OR TRADE APP**

- Conduct transaction at a safe location— Police Dept. lobby, mall food courts, etc.





## Veteran's Day Ceremony



Mayor Eugene W. Grant and the City Council held an honorary ceremony at the Activity Center within Seat Pleasant to honor Veterans for their courage, bravery and sacrifice. Speakers included Staff Sergeant (SSGT) Tamara D Mitchell, Corporal Bruce A. Purnell Jr., as well as Senator Joanne Benson and Delegate Erik Barron, both from District 24 of the State of Maryland. Following the wonderful remarks from these speakers, the event concluded with the wreath-laying in memory of Seat Pleasant Veterans, as well as Veterans nationwide.



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS  
THE MAYOR'S **STATE** OF THE CITY  
ADDRESS • 2018

Monday

**January 29th**  
**7:00PM**

Seat Pleasant Activity Center

5720 Addison Road Seat Pleasant MD 20743

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## Harvest Fest - 10/28/17

Seat Pleasant partnered with General's Future Charity Inc. as well as the Loves Truth Church to assist in hosting the Harvest Fest at Carmody Hills Elementary School. The children of the community came together to enjoy music, food and lots of fun prizes at this free annual event!



## New Addition to the Seat Pleasant Police

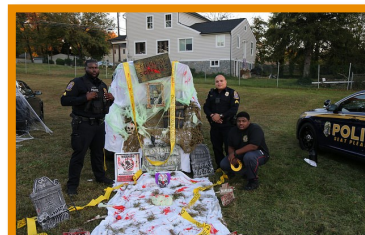
### Department - 10/31/17

The newest addition to the Seat Pleasant police department, Link, was introduced to the community. Link will accompany officer David Smith in a special K-9 unit and assist with law enforcement efforts here in Seat Pleasant. For more information on Link, and the rest of our diligent law enforcement team, you can contact assistant to the Chief of Police, Marcus Jones at (301) 499-8700.



## 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat - 10/31/17

Held at Goodwin Park, the Seat Pleasant Police department decorated their vehicles and handed out candy to the community for a safe and positive environment on Halloween night. The night was full of excitement, as residents participated in the festivities and came dressed in their favorite costumes!



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## **2017 ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**

**The City of Seat Pleasant Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held on Friday December 15 2017 at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center at 7:30am-10:00am. For more information on this event please contact the City Clerk, Dashaun Lanham (240) 455-2605**



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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE CITY OF  
SEAT PLEASANT**

